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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos 11—17

Part B for October 1914

SUBJECT

Papers re. nuisance caused by the refuse water from the Mysore Tannery to the Bangalore city.

To The Deputy Commr Bangalore
No 3601 dt 5 11 14

Returns the 2 files of papers relating to the establishment of the Tannery on the Mysore road.

Vide GO No 6872-7/Mel 231-14-2 dt 14.3.16.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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File No. 333-13

FILE HEADING

Nuisance caused by the refuse water from the Mysore Tannery to the Bangalore city

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Serial No

1) Letter No S 160 dated the 4th Sept. 1914 from the Dy. Comr., Bangalore Dt.
Submits the file of papers relating to the establishment of the Mysore Laundry on the Mysore Road

2) Extract from the Daily Port of the 5th Sept. 1914 Containing Dr Achyuta Rao's letter Complaining of an intolerable Nuisance from the Laundry

13 3) Extract from the Karnataka dated the 9th Sept. 1914 on the same subject

14 4) Extract from the Daily Port dated the 14th Sept. 1914 on the same subject

5) Subt. The Main file of papers on the subject has been forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Opinion on certain suggestions made by the San Comr. and the President of the Bangalore City Munic. Council to abate the Nuisance Complained of. If approved that file will be returned.

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6) Ans
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15 8) Extract from the Daily Post dated

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was 3/10	30/9/16 9) Remind & ascertain at what stage the investigation now is BS
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46	10) Extract from the Daily Post dated the 21st Sep 1916
	11) Subd. It has been ascertained in the P. W Secty that the file on the subject is before the Chief Engineer and that proposals for abating the nuisance will soon be submitted to the Govt
	12) The Records submitted by the Dy Comr do not show that any specific conditions were imposed upon the Tannery authorities regarding the disposal of the tannery effluent at the time the permission was granted to them to appropriate S No 28 for a non-agricultural purpose The Dy. Comr wants the records back to take further action as regards the temple Inam land referred to in the Vernacular Records (B) If approved, the records may be returned to him now & called for again when required Submitted
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12) It may be in the Dy Com's letter forwarding permission. The only conditions referred to are the payment of a fine of Rs 2 on the Conveying deed & land tax & non-alienation & liability to any new assessment that may be demanded

14) The file of papers received from the Dy Com^r are therefore unnecessary for the purposes of this Case & will be returned, if approved

15) The Civil Surgeon's opinion about the abatement of the nuisance may be awaited.

Dr Secy)

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16) Yes

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17) Draft returning the original papers to the Dy Com^r to submitted.

Submitted 24.10.14

18) Returned 25/10

17. (19) To the Dy Commr Bangabasi No 360/87 S 11/16

Returns the papers received with slip for final orders vide G.O. No 6872 dt 14.3.16 ml 231-14-21

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District
Dated Bangalore 9th September 1914

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From,
K Chandy Esquire BA
Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To,
Dr Narasinga Rao Esquire BA BL
Officiating Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter no 12736 Jud 333-13-14 of the 16th June 1914, calling for the file of papers relating to the establishment of the Mysore Tannery on the Mysore Road, and in continuation of my letter no. 102 of the 15th August 1914 I have the honor to submit herewith two files of papers on the subject and to state as follows:—

2 File A contains the correspondence in English and file B is the correspondence in Canarese It will be seen from docket no R 528 of the 18th August 1908 addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of the late Bangalore

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Relating to the Contraband Question

Bangalore Division that S.no. 28 of the Byatarayana pura of the Bangalore Taluk was permitted to be released for a non-agricultural purpose on levying a fine of Rs 200/- under rule 58 of the Land Revenue Rules and on agreeing to pay any new assessment thereon as might be leviable under the provisions of Section 48 of the Land Revenue Code From B" File it will be seen that S.no. 22 of the original settlement had been divided into four Pakki numbers, that one of them ($\frac{22}{2}$) measuring 3 A – 29 G was an Inam to the Gantakal Anjaneya temple, that another ($\frac{22}{1}$) measuring 2 Acres belonged to one Sampath Kumara Bhatta, Archak of the said temple, that the latter sold his land to one Thegappa in 1899, that in the Re-Survey Thegappa's land (Khatedar Sampath Kumar Bhatta) was constituted into a separate number bearing S.no 28 and measuring 5 – 29 G, that the Inam land of the temple was constituted into S.no 30 with an area 2 – 9 A 4 G (i.e. 1 – 27 A less) and

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that the Mysore Tannery purchased Re survey no. 28 from Thejappa in 1908 and have constructed the present buildings there on. The correspondence relating to the temple Inam land has been unnecessarily delayed in the Taluk and as the Government have called for the same I have herewith submitted it with a request that it may be kindly returned to enable me to take action in the matter

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

K Chandu
Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

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POST, SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1914.

Correspondence.

[The Editor does not undertake responsibility for the opinions expressed by correspondents]

An Intolerable Nuisance

TO THE EDITOR, "DAILY POST"

SIR,—I shall thank you to kindly publish the following letter in your highly valuable paper in the interests of the suffering inhabitants of a goodly portion of the Bangalore City

Under the benign rule of our gracious Sovereign H H the Maharaja of Mysore, the City of Bangalore has been provided with excellent extensions, viz. the Malleswaram, Chamarajpet, Shankarpur and Basavangudi

These extensions are unique of their kind and have been the admiration of outsiders

The original object of these extensions was, I take it, to lessen the congestion inside the old city and to afford means of enjoying good health to those that cared to move to the extensions.

Owing however to the fact that most of the well-to-do but conservative tradesmen could not or would not live far away from their warehouses and shops and the poorer folk could not afford to build decent houses, the official classes—in many cases with the help of Government given loans—and a few merchants have built fine bungalows and well planned cottages in these extensions, and the total value of the buildings in Chamarajpet, Shankarpur and Basavangudi may well be put down at tens of lakhs of rupees.

Free from the insanitary conditions so markedly present in the old highly congested city, it was expected that the residents of these extensions would get the money value of their houses in the enjoyment of sound health. This hope seems to be destined to be blasted

Last year when in company with a few friends I was seated on one of the stone benches in the compound of the Bangalore City Institute, I noticed some nauseating stench pervading the compound, and each whiff of the wind from the south-west accentuated the stench I thought and so did many of my friends, that the stench must have emanated from the neighbourhood of the big drain a few yards to the west of the compound of the house now owned by Mr K Srinivasiengar, as also from the back yards of some bungalows in Shankarpur wherein night soil sewage and sullage had been utilised for manuring waste and vacuous plantations and extensive vegetable gardens. For days afterwards many of us were engaged in locating the source of the awful stench but without avail

After retirement I bought a house in the westernmost end of the 5 th Road in Chamarajpet and have been living in it from the middle of February this year Till about the middle of May there was absolutely nothing for me to complain about. When however the wind began to blow from the west, the evenings were anything but pleasant. The stench wafted by the west winds was sickening in the extreme. This state of things began to waver a little. The stench would sometimes begin at 10 P M, at other times it would be felt in the early mornings and so on but whatever the period, the characteristic nature of the foul effluvia was the same, viz an oppressively sickening knock you-down kind.

I began instituting minute inquiries and comparing the reason with what was to be expected in the neighbourhood of ill working septic tanks, drains and drains of pan etc. My enquiries, personal investigations and experiences proved to me that the extraordinarily offensive stench extended up to three miles to the east of the tannery on one side and up to Kengeri village on the other and that the source of the awful stench was the mingling of the sewage refuse and washings with the distillery refuse water in a nullah

The Bangalore distillery has been in existence, I believe, for over 30 years and the process of distillation now in vogue and the materials now used in distilling are not in any way materially different to what has been the *masmool* for the past 30 years There is absolutely nothing used in the process of distillation which, when decomposed, could possibly produce sulphuretted hydrogen and the stench we are experiencing is absolutely that of sulphuretted hydrogen. The tannery and the tannery alone therefore is the offending 'scent.

The Health Officer of the Bangalore City Municipality, I understand, has gone fully into the matter and so has, I believe, the present Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner, and I have reasons to believe that both these Officers have opined that the Bangalore Tannery is responsible for this highly undesirable state of things. The other day the Bangalore District Board passed a set of bye-laws in view to prevent or abate the nuisance.

Whether it was an act of retaliation or a spirit of bravado against the constituted authorities I know not, but what we the residents of Chamarajpet, Shankarpur and a portion of Basavangudi suffered from 6.30 p m yesterday (3-9 14) to 6 a m this morning (4-9 14) bids fair, if unchecked, to decimate the population of this portion of the city and bring down the value of house property in these extensions by fifty per cent.

Is it possible that the Municipal President of our Premier Municipality is so thoroughly powerless that he can do nothing to alleviate our sufferings and for the matter of that his own too (as he also lives in the same road as I do and his and his people's olfactory nerves could not be differently constituted to my own) ?

Is the present day Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate* such an impotent official that he cannot move in the matter and pass summary orders for instantly stopping this nuisance ?

How sincerely I wish that those who attribute this intolerable nuisance to any and every cause but the right one, viz the Bangalore Tannery were in my place the whole of last night ! They would then have had a different song to sing

On behalf of the unfortunate residents of Chamarajpet Shankarpura and Basavangudi I imploringly beseech the Government of our well beloved Maharaja to take the matter into their serious and earnest consideration and put down this highly scandalous state of things and close the Tannery till the proprietors thereof guarantee to keep the nuisance once for all.

Yours faithfully,
(*Signed*) P S ACHYUTA RAO,
Retired Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner, Mysore Government
4th September 1914

No. M

THE KARNATAK

A BI-WEEKLY RECORD OF PROGRESS.

PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

Bangalore City, Wednesday September, 9, 1914

VIEWS & REVIEWS

SUPERINTENDENTS, A E & I —The G O appointing the District Superintendents A. E I, is printed in full on another page, and we have little to add to what we have already said on the matter, except that the reasons set forth by Government are not sufficiently convincing to alter our attitude The G O is a string of vague phrases such as organising developments" stimulating activity" and so on with which we are only too familiar now Government of course expect that these appointments will be productive of much good and we beg to assure them that we shall be the first to acknowledge it when that turns out to be the fact In the meanwhile, we shall be satisfied if the pitchforking of a few men into prominent positions will not deepen the feeling of discontent already prevailing among the hard-worked Amildars By the way may we place a mark of interrogation beside the word "qualified" in the III para referring to the choice of men ?

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OUR HIGH SCHOOLS —Complaints continue to reach us regarding the administration of certain moffussil High Schools in the Province, and our excuse for not giving them publicity is the hope that remedial action may not be delayed any more The defects have been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government and we have reasons to think that certain changes, calculated to improve the existing state of affairs are now under contemplation We trust the Department will act with promptness and discrimination in the matter It certainly cannot be said that they have been hasty in making assignments in accordance with the sanctioned scheme of re organisation If the delay be due to a process of re revision by the authorities in response to public criticism expressed on their scheme, we must express our appreciation of their conciliatory spirit and tender them our hearty thanks for their endeavours to leave no room for dissatisfaction in the teaching profession

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A LOCAL NUISANCE —When Dr P S Achyuta Rao retired from the high office of Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner we expressed the hope that a career of civic usefulness awaited him and we are glad to find that our hope has not been in vain He has just drawn attention in strong terms to an Intolerable Nuisance" long felt in the Southern and Western suburbs of the City and in certain villages near and about Kengeri In our issue of 15th July last we referred to this subject and pointed out the necessity for an early and thorough enquiry into the matter but our voice is apparently too feeble to move the exalted personages who preside over the destinies of this district and this municipality The matter is that the works of the Mysore Tannery Ltd carried on in buildings of their own, situated about 4 miles to the west of Bangalore City (on the Mysore Road) and the Government Distillery situated a few furlongs further both send out their refuse and washings by two different channels to one common sandy nalla (or the dry bed of a stream popularly known as Vrishabhavati) where the confluence of the dirty waters takes place liberating certain abnoxious and poisonous gases These are wafted on to the city by the winds and by this process is vitiated the Vrishabhavati which is the chief source of water supply to the residents of Kengeri and adjacent villages We have enquirred into this matter at some length & one of our representatives was kindly taken round the whole place by Mr N S Tiruvenkatacharlar Superintendent of the Tannery, who explained matters There is no smell, at any r the Shanka we get at Chamarajpet n at in the Tannery premises it is sink pit His contention might ported by Mr A Chatterton e on tend to some expert ku nly d subject, that the nuisance ne liq the fermentation o the uent present in the Distiller small Tannerry effluent is very , no volume and contains it salts w matter at all but only mi and the cannot give rise to any ste tan that in England and el works effluens, particularly o rivers, allowed to drain pipes, through Municipal drai tention seem to support this are r the Superintendent Ba rity of to acknowledge the great the m P S Achyutha Rao to spe investiga & hope that he will pus is an int further Anyhow the nuis who resi able one, not merely to th to the our suburban villas but a hu denizens who dwell in the at Ke It seems the poor peop have sen petitions and memori often though their prayers have had effect they will never be than if matters be set right at last as a resu the agitation carried on by influential pe The appointment of a committee of d terested and competent persons to enq and settle the matter seems to us to be best way of arriving at a satisfactory clusion

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THE PREMIER ON THE WAR —The sp delivered by Mr Asquith at Guild this week is a magnificent utteranc full of that fine feeling and moving el ence which we have learnt to associate statesmanship of the highest order,— historic figures like Burke Bright and G stone The passage in which the Pre has referred to India's loyalty alludes to the duties which England has to f towards India

Motley Notes

(By ARIEL)

The magnificent loyalty of His Highness has evoked praise from all quarters and is a fitting response to the sense of justice which dictated the Rendition 43 years ago The great [illegible] the Rendition has been justified by the enlightened rule under the Native princes their loyalty & the contentment of the people The promptitude with which the offer of 50 lakhs was made the touching terms in which the letter was couched, the known devotion of the Prince and the gratitude of the people,—all denote which way wisdom lies in the Government of India

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All indications point to the fact that the war may last some time, and considering the greatness of the powers involved in the struggle, a swift termination can hardly be expected A prolonged war necessarily im ies greater and greater expenditure and we are to be prepared for further sacrifices Nor are we altogether free from danger of famine though recent rains have improved matters considerably

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But what is our financial position We have liabilities such as S B deposits, Life Insurance, &c amounting to 220 lakhs and have invested the amount with 30 lakhs of our own in the Government of India Securities At this time when every endeavour should be made to inspire confidence in the public, a large sale of Government securities would be highly inexpedient and should be avoided At least till the close of the war, our resources should be carefully husbanded and every effort made to prevent a panic

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Our budget for 14 15 provides for a capital expenditure of 97½ lakhs and a surplus of 105 lakhs is expected to remain on 1st July 15 Deducting the 50 lakhs now given for the war, our expected balance falls to 55 lakhs and would be altogether insufficient for the six months before our revenue begins to come in, the minimum for the 6 months being about 80 lakhs Unless care is exercised from now we may have difficulty shortly

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We hear that the Dasara this year will bring for a long list of honours May we suggest some order and uniformity be introduced to prevent confusion What for instance is the order of precedence between a Jaspurkar and a Jakanachar? What about titles and honorarium to be conferred on the Mysore Legislative Council? Some communal [illegible] titles [illegible] defined names precedence etc May we also suggest some decoration being bestowed on all who are honoured? Mere certificates do not please the recipient as they cannot be paraded in assemblies and even tiny stars or medals would be better

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What is Mr K R Srinivasaiengar doing now? The Gazetteer has been given to the Archeologist If Officers on large pay are made to vegetate, is it no concern of the public who pay the taxes?

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Is it true that the First Councillor intends to take leave shortly? If so, does he not run some risk of being placed on special duty, probably Ethnographic work?

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What about the Excise cases about which we had an interpellation in the Legislative Council? Are they any nearer solution? Which Committee is solving them? Or have they been referred to the Conference?

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A veteran District Magistrate is said to have pronounced appellate judgment without calling for the records of the lower court The Chief Court is said to have passed a censure May we know if the Efficiency Audit has heard of this and if any enquiry has been held about the cause of the mortal hurry?

LOCAL

H H THE MAHARAJA.

It is understood that H H the Maharaja and suite will proceed to Ooty on the 10th instant

CHIEF COURT REGISTRARSHIP.

It seems to be now definitely settled that Mr N T Gopala Iyengar, Sub Judge, should take up the office of Registrar of the Mysore Chief Court.

A LAW SCHOOL

Mr M Venkatakrishnayya had proposed at the last Session of the Representative Assembly the establishment of a Law School to be gradually developed into a Law College Government have now informed him that the question will be considered in connection with the scheme for establishing a University for Mysore

TUBERCULOSIS

Dr A Lankester who is on special duty in connection with the enquiry into the Prevalence and Prevention of Tuberculosis in India is at present in Bangalore A meeting of representative men was held in the City Y M C A Hall yesterday at 6 p.m. at which Dr A Lankester gave an address

METRE RENTS

There was in the Public Offices lore, a meeting of a Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of metre hire, consisting of Mr [illegible] Srinivasa Rao the Chief Engineer Messrs M Venkatakrishnayya Murti Rao B K Garudachar and Swami Iyengar Mr M K Krishna Murthi Rao wanted the abolition of metre rents and complete revision of the rules relating to water supply in the light of the suggestions that he had made It was resolved by the committee that they could not go behind the reference made by the Government which was simply to decide the question of water metre hire It was resolved after careful consideration that if any owner of a house had not used more than the minimum quantity of water in any quarter, viz 12,000 gallons at the rate of 4,000 gallons a month, he need not pay the metre rent.

The Laureate and the War

The following poem without title or heading, appeared in *The Times* of August 8 —

Thou careless, awake!
Thou peace-maker fight!
Stand England, for honour
And God guard the Right!
Thy mirth lay aside,
Thy evil and play
Thy foe is upon thee
And grave is the day
The monarch Ambition,
Hath harnessed his slaves
But the folk of the Ocean,
Are free as the waves
For peace thou art armed,
Thy Freedom to hold,
Thy Courage as iron,
Thy Good faith as gold
Through Fire, Air, and Water
Thy trial must be
But they that love life best,
Die gladly for thee.
The Love of their mothers,
Is strong to command
The fame of their fathers,
Is might to their hand
Much suffering shall cleanse thee!
But through the flood,
Shalt win to Salvation,
To Beauty through blood
Up, careless, awake!
Ye peace makers, Fight!
England stands for Heaven,
God Defend the Right!

ROBERT BRIDGES,
Poet Laureate

POST, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1914.

That "Intolerable Nuisance."

TO THE EDITOR, "DAILY POST"

SIR,—I was away in camp when Mr Achuta Rao's letter entitled an "Intolerable nuisance" appeared in your issue of the 6th instant, and I went through the same this morning. Without going into any long ancient history, I may say that there is decidedly a very strong stench on certain days, either morning or evening, in certain portions of the extension referred to by the retired Senior Surgeon

But when he proceeds further and asserts emphatically, that "The Tannery and Tannery alone is the standing factor," I am afraid Mr Achuta Rao is swayed, no doubt unconsciously, more by popular prejudice against tanning rather than by any definite course of reasoning.

The distillery has been in existence for over 30 years and the complaint regarding nuisance proceeding therefrom, I am informed on reliable authorities, is practically as old as the distillery itself, and I am surprised that a gentleman who was at one time Sanitary Commissioner to the Government of Mysore should be unaware of this. Mr Achuta Rao imagines sulphuretted hydrogen, but it strikes me, he has forgotten the characteristic smell of the same. The stench in question has a sickening sugary odour which we generally associate with distilleries and I should suggest to Mr Achuta Rao to carry out the following experiment and draw his conclusions from the result thereof.

Let him take a fairly large quantity of (1) Tannery effluent, (2) Distillery effluent, and (3) a mixture of the two, a short distance off where these two mix. Let him place these three separately in places unconnected with each other, (so that the smell from one may not interfere with that proceeding from the other) in large porcelain basins, exposed to sun and dew under conditions as near as possible as those which exist, and observe the stench arising from these three. He will find, as I have found in the course of 15 experiments, that while the tannery effluent gives little or no smell, the smells from the distillery effluent and the mixture are practically identical, proving conclusively that the distillery alone is responsible for the smell In this connection, I may state, that in His Highness the Nizam's Dominions there was a recent Government Order compelling removal of Government distilleries from their present localities on account of the insufferable nuisance they have been causing The problem there, is not complicated by any tanneries I may also add that effluents from a chrome tannery are precisely innocuous. I am quoting the following from a high authority who says 'The separation of the solid matters from the effluents in settling tanks and the mixing of liquors from the various processes the former to be deposited on the land and the latter to be discharged into sewers or rivers should lead to a satisfactory solution of the problem of the disposal of tannery refuse,' and this is precisely what is being done in the Mysore Tannery

Further, in and around Madras there are quite a number of tanneries, carrying on work on a larger scale than in the Mysore Tannery A good many of these tanneries are situated near Guindy and Nungambakum, in the former of which is located His Excellency's Residence, while in the latter place are all the better classes of Europeans in Madras. At Perambore, quite near the Railway Station, one, some a mile or so from it, we had the Madras Government Chrome Tannery and in close proximity to this there were quite a number of private tanneries. If these tanneries are so much of a nuisance as the Retired Senior Surgeon would have us suppose, is it conceivable that these would be allowed to carry on their work in close proximity to such fashionable and crowded centres?

One word more and I have done. Mr Achuta Rao talks of "an act of retaliation or a spirit of bravado against constituted authorities, etc, etc." I have got the greatest respect for the Retired Sanitary Commissioner and should be very sorry to wound his susceptibilities, but even making ample allowance for his feelings, I absolutely fail to see any justification for such strong language, unless he wanted to insinuate to the authorities that we are not of law abiding fellows. That there is nuisance and trouble to some residents in the extension is an undoubted fact. Our esteemed Deputy Commissioner and the Government generally are quite alive to this fact and they know that the tannery is doing all in its power to co-operate with them and locate the cause of the mischief. If Mr Achuta Rao had his way, perhaps he would close the tannery immediately by satisfying his prejudices and then commences his investigation to put an end to the nuisance and all because (God forgive me if I am wrong) he has bought a house in Chamarajpet. I am extremely thankful to the Almighty that the destinies of Mysore are not in his hands just at present

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) N S THIRUVENKATACHARI

Superintendent,

12—9—14 The Mysore Tannery, Ltd

The Previous references on this Subject have been sent to Branch IV Submitted that this too be sent to Branch IV

Noted 16/9/14

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Yes

17/9/14

Correspondence.

"The Editor does not undertake to [illegible] the opinions expressed [illegible]"

The Tannery Nuisance.

TO THE EDITOR "DAILY POST"

SIR,—The inhabitants of Bangalore feel extremely thankful to Dr Achyuta Rao for bringing to the notice of Government the intolerable nuisance caused by the Tannery people The question has been pending solution almost from the date of the starting of the Tannery near the Distillery Several petitions went up to Government and the gallant doctor may recall to his memory that several complaints were made to him while he was at the head of the Medical and Sanitary administration of the State. The late Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore was desperately importuned by the poor ryots, but all to no purpose. It is a matter of great comfort to us poor people that the learned doctor has now found time to investigate the subject after his retirement. We are quite certain that two doctors residing at the very gates of our extensions will watch our interests and prevent the entrance of plague, cholera and other diseases which take their birth in the Madiganpolye and silently spread into the town and extensions I am sure he will find time to organize a Health Board and preside over it and help Government in solving several important problems pertaining to health.

Ignorant as I am I cannot pretend to trace out the cause of the nasty smell which pervades the atmosphere of the benighted city and its extensions It may or may not be due to the presence of so many gardens in the extensions themselves, to the situation of the sewage farm and the sewage tank at a few yards from the doctor's house, or to the existence of the cremation ground near by the odour from which spreads all round night and day, or to the extensive fields near at hand which receive the nightsoil and cesspit manure from our town, or the nuisance may be exclusively attributed to the Tannery, which takes its shelter outside the Municipal limits. Every passenger who goes by the train and every passer-by who loiters on the Agrahar Tank, feels much discomfort and holds his nose tight till he is entirely out of sight. The roads leading to Ganganacherry, Lascar Lines and Lal Bagh are not free from the stench complained of Every resident of Chamrajpet and Shamharpur must feel a great deal of discomfort owing to the invasion of musquitoes during the nights It seems to me that all these nuisances are transitory and will not affect us in all the seasons of the year and the doctor himself admits that he is free till the middle of May I am sure that the Health Officers of Bangalore will do something to mitigate our sufferings and enhance our comforts. For our interests and safety are watched by eminent doctors.

But the cries of the poor ryots are cries in the wilderness The sewage water of Bangalore, the refuse of the Tannery and the Distillery and the decomposed manure water of the surrounding fields, all these get into the *Vrishabhavati* river which takes its rise behind the Nandi Temple near Gavipur and empties itself into the *Arkavati* river near Kankanhally and which again joins the Cauvery in the Mugur Forest. Hundreds of villages are situated on either bank of these rivers. Owing to the rocky nature of the soil both the Government and the people have not taken much pains to sink wells. Every village does not boast of a tank. Under the circumstances both men, women and cattle have to resort to these rivers in all seasons in spite of the distances they have to walk During summer cattle flock to the river, but owing to the nasty smell emanating from the water, they retrace their steps with great disappointment. People content themselves by digging *chelumas* in the sand. Cholera and fever rage often and cattle simply drop away quite dead. If the Health Officer of the District or his assistants will kindly take the trouble of visiting some of these out of the way villages, they will realize the hardships experienced by the people.

In the face of these difficulties, Government have not been able to close either the Tannery or the Distillery I do not know to what extent their own interests are at stake. The learned Doctor who has been connected with the administration of Mysore for three decades and who was till recently the representative of two important departments of the administration must be in touch with the views of Government and we trust he will use his influence and vast experience in solving this most difficult question, which concerns the welfare of thousands of poor people and cattle and the interests of two important industries of Mysore Being myself a sufferer, I look to the solution with great anxiety

A POOR RYOT

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THE DAILY POST, SEPTEMBER 21, 1914.

Vide No 89.

That Intolerable Nuisance.

TO THE EDITOR DAILY POST.

SIR,—May I once again crave your courtesy and kindness and request you to kindly find room for the following in your valuable paper.

I am not at all sorry that I wrote in strong terms my letter of the 6th instant regarding the intolerable nuisance the residents of Chamrajpet, Sankarpur and Basavangudi are subjected to, inasmuch as it has evoked a reply from Mr Thiruvengadachari, the Superintendent of the Mysore Tannery.

In your issue of the 14th instant Mr Chari accepts certain facts. He admits that "there is actually a very strong stench" and that "there is nuisance and trouble to some residents in the extensions in an isolated spot." This is satisfactory so far, as the most authentic statement in his letter so far as I am concerned is that which indicates that the mixture of the distillery effluent and the tannery effluent gives rise to the "practically identical" stench. This welcome statement of Mr Thiruvengadachari once for all disposes of the laboriously built up theories of some official and non-official admirers of all tanneries in general and of the Mysore Tannery in particular that such insufferably sickening smells are but merely experienced in the lovely environs of this beautiful City in the brick burning, "stone quarries" "watering of lands" "extension of tank vegetation" "cotton spinning and weaving" or "disposal of the dead near the Mysore Road Orkad and Kempambudi Tank the "cow in tank," "manure depôt on the Nagodi Road" and so on and so forth.

I have not hopes for Mr Thiruvengadachari's scientific knowledge. He has taken the M A degree in Chemistry, I believe but why he should assume that I had not acquainted myself with the results of experiments conducted by those placed in more responsible positions and therefore more authoritative and weighty in the eyes of the howling of the public is more than what I can say.

I shall always be prepared to assist in any bonafide experiments or proceedings to any other details pertaining to this subject if and when called upon to do so by properly constituted authority. May I ask Mr Thiruvengadachari a simple question viz Why is that "he distillery liquid effluent as he calls it renders the intolerable to the senses of the most ignorant person [illegible] the way through by [illegible] at the moment when the tannery refuse fluid is pumped out into the open opposite the distillery?" Will he be pleased to throw some light on the matter if the distillery or Tanning industry or Chamarajpet process that will explain away [illegible] the distillery may be credit with this extraordinary phenomenon?

Mr Thiruvengadachari is entirely wrong in the remarks he has made about the [illegible] place he need not [illegible] for my having brought a [illegible] away I paid for it [illegible] effluent and repairs [illegible] by me with [illegible] the second place, in [illegible] Commissioner, I have [illegible] Municipality [illegible] made almost [illegible] connection to my [illegible] Secondly in regard to abating [illegible] Once more and I have [illegible] question could be [illegible] by an expert Committee [illegible] could be kindly opposed [illegible] and may seem [illegible] Government [illegible] and nothing [illegible] Government [illegible] gradually stopping [illegible] have been [illegible]

I would suggest the Committee be composed of the following members

The Chief Engineer in Mysore, the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Bangalore District the Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore, the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore and the Government Bacteriologist, the Health Officer of the Bangalore City Municipality and two representatives of the Mysore Tannery Company, preferably Mr Thiruvengadachari, the Superintendent, and Mr C S Doraswami Iyer, B A, B L one of the Directors.

Yours faithfully,
(*Signed*) P S ACHYUTA RAO.

Inform the persons referred to in the Subject have been sent to Branch IV (Sanitary) may they be sent to the same Branch

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Sirs I have the honour to return herewith the two files of papers marked A & B relating to the establishment of the Tannery on the Mysore Road received with your letter No S.160 dated the 9th Sept. 1914.

I am
By order
Sir
Your obedient Servant

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